Destruction of 'Muzaffarpur Meteorite' in Patna Museum

2402. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH:

SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a rare Muzaffarpur Meteorite kept in a Patna Museum has been destroyed due to incorrect and ignorant storage conditions and handling as reported in the "Hindustan Times" on the 16th October, 1988; and

(b) whether any inquiry has been ordered in the matter by Government to determine the reasons of their destruction;

(c) whether any scientific studies were conducted on the Meteorite; and

(d) whether any action has been taken by Government against the concerned officials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI) (a) to (d) The Patna Museum is under the State Government of Bihar. Therefore, informtaion is being obtained from the State Government. It will be placed on the table of the house as soon as it is received.

[**The Deputy Chairman** in the Chair.]

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

I. Report and Accounts (for the year ending the 30th June, 1987) of the Shipping Corporation of India Ltd. Bombay and related papers.

II Report and Accounts (for the year ending the 30th June, 1987) of the Mogul Line Limited, Bombay and related papers.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) Madam, I beg to lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956:—

(a) Thirty-seventh Annual Report and Accounts of the Shipping Corporation of India Ltd., Bombay, for the year ending the 30th June, 1987, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the Corporation. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-6828/88 for (a) and (b)].

II (a) One hundred and eighth Annual Report and Accounts of the Mogul Line Limited, Bombay, for the year ending the 30th June, 1886, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the Company.

(c) Statements (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (1) above. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-6829/88 for (a) to (c)].

I. Report and Accounts (1987-88) of the Seamen's Provident Fund Organisation, Bombay and related papers.

II. Report and Accounts (1987-88) of the Viskhapatnam Dock Labour Board and related papers

III. Report and Accounts (1987-88) of of the Madras Dock Labour Board and released papers.